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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Dec 3, 2001
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 35 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 30-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 30-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirements.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- *See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 15) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 18) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 16) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 19) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 17) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 2 20) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 30-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Siddiqui (5,828,364) in view of Grant (5,854,624).

As to claims 30-31, Siddiqui (figures 1-7) teaches a computer mouse (mouse, (figure 1, (100)) including a housing (figure 1, (114)), an electrical power source for powering electronic circuitry, the electronic circuitry located within the housing, a mouse cursor (mouse, (figure 1, (100 and 112)) position control arrangement coupled to the electronic circuitry for allowing a user to control the mouse cursor position on a computer monitor (display, (figure 1, (108)), the electronic circuitry (printed circuit board, (figures 3, (500)) in communication with devices for communicating output control signals for the electronic circuitry to a computer, a plurality of finger depressible buttons (buttons, (figures 1 and 3, (204 & 206)) exposed on the housing (figure 1, (114)) and interfacing with switches (switch spring (figure 3, (470)) the switches electrically coupled with the electronic circuitry for allowing user selection of output control signals

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communicated to a computer (abstract; column 1, line 55 through column 2, line 27; column 3, lines 35-61; column 4, lines 28-67; and column 5, line 25 through column 6, line 67). Siddiqui also discloses that the button associated with page back function by depressing button (“**by depressing the buttons and actuating switches positioned within the housing. Examples of such commands include launching an application program, pulling down a menu, opening a document, selecting a portion of a document for editing, and creating terminal or other points in a graphic pattern on the visual display**” (column 1, lines 10-27). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Siddique’s teaching so as to increase the versatility of the input device.

Siddiqui does not expressly teach that the network browsing software receiving the page back message without requiring the mouse cursor to be located on a back button of the network browsing software display on the monitor.

However, Grant (figure 5) teaches the network browsing software receiving the page back message without requiring the mouse cursor to be located on a back button of the network browsing software display on the monitor (column 5, lines 1-67; and column 6, lines 1-67).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate Grant’s device having “PG UP” and “PG DN” capability into Siddiqui’s input device so as provide for quick traversing through a multi-paged on screen document, one page at a time (column 5, lines 15-21).

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As to claims 32-33, a method claims 32-33 corresponds to apparatus claims 30-31, is analyzed as previously discussed with respect to apparatus claims 30-31.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Ishimine (5,764,227) discloses a document display apparatus for displaying document containing a plurality of pages.

Oshiro et al. (5,937,419) disclose a page turning apparatus for use with computer system.

Chen (6,144,372) teaches a system employing swmi-circular wheels for adjustably actuating electron page advancement.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to **Mansour M. Said** whose telephone number is (703) 306-5411.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST.

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5. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Technology Center 2600 Customer service Office whose telephone number is (703) 306-0377.

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